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**From:** Twitchell, Miriah D (DEC) <miriah.twitchell@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2013 11:03 AM  
**To:** Brown, Katherine  
**Subject:** RE: !INVITATION! Re: APDES General Permit for Oil & Gas Exploration Discharges into State Waters of Cook Inlet- Teleconference for Tribal Reps- Monday February 25 @ 1:00pm AK

Thank you, Katherine! I have some short graphics/handouts that may help during the discussion about the DEC permitting process. Should I send them to you to forward onto folks in advance, and should I 'reply all' myself?

Thanks again,

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**From:** Brown, Katherine [mailto:Brown.Katherine@epa.gov]  
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Greetings All!

Thanks again to everyone who was able to participate in our consultation meeting on the EPA's Reissuance of an NPDES General Permit for Oil and Gas Exploration in Cook Inlet Federal Waters February 5. In response to requests from tribal representatives at that meeting, and as part of the EPA's broader coordination efforts on this action, the EPA will host an informational teleconference with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) for interested representatives of federally recognized Cook Inlet tribal governments next Monday February 25 at 1:00pm Alaska.

The purposes of this call are: to provide an overview of ADEC's corresponding preliminary draft Alaska Pollution Discharge Elimination System (APDES) General Permit for Oil and Gas Exploration in Cook Inlet State Waters; to describe opportunities for input and comments on this action; and to provide a forum for questions and answers. This meeting will only be open to representatives of federally recognized Cook Inlet tribal governments, the EPA, and the ADEC. Please contact Katherine Brown at (206) 553-7263 or [brown.katherine@epa.gov](mailto:brown.katherine@epa.gov) as soon as possible if you and/or a representative of your tribe are interested in participating.

Date & Time: Monday February 25 - 1:00pm Alaska  
Call-In Number: (866) 299-3188  
Conference Code: (206) 553-6524

The EPA's 2007 NPDES General Permit for Oil and Gas Facilities in Cook Inlet (AKG-31-5000) expired in July 2012. The EPA plans to re-issue only the exploration component of a NPDES General Permit for federal waters, in conjunction with a state issuance of an APDES General Permit for exploration activity discharges in state waters. Permit coverage for existing production facilities and exploration activity (all of which are in state waters) that reapplied in a timely manner has been administratively extended. Future permitting actions for both exploration activity and existing production facility discharges to state waters will be taken by the ADEC.

The ADEC plans to release their Preliminary Draft APDES General Permit for Oil and Gas Exploration in Cook Inlet State Waters as soon as this Friday February 22 for a 10 day public review. The EPA and ADEC expect to release Draft NPDES and Draft APDES General Permits for Oil and Gas Exploration (in Cook Inlet Federal and State Waters respectively) jointly in late March for concurrent 60 day public comment periods. Comments on EPA's NPDES permit should be directed to Project Lead and Permit Writer Cindi Godsey at [godsey.cindi@epa.gov](mailto:godsey.cindi@epa.gov). Comments on ADEC's APDES permit should be directed to Permit Writer Gerry Brown at [gerry.brown@alaska.gov](mailto:gerry.brown@alaska.gov).

Please feel free to contact Cindi at (907) 271-6561 or Gerry at (907) 269-4874 if you or your representative would like copies of these draft documents, or if you have questions relating to them.

Sincerely,

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